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Till Xmas.

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A mistaken idea enters the minds of some people that prices always advance at Xmas time. They may in some stores, we know not, but we know they do not in this store. We buy in large quantities and grasp all bargains opportunity for the festive season. Nowhere is this more noticeable than in our Ring values.

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LOCAL NEWS.

There will be a social gathering of High school teachers, pupils, their parents and trustees in the assembly room of the High school next Thursday. The object of the meeting is to stimulate interest in the work of the school. The school authorities will do their utmost to make the evening a pleasant one for all present.

As announced in another column an Association football match will be played to-morrow between the Y. M. C. A. and Moona teams. The personnel of the former team will be as follows: Goal: Whyte; backs, Bates and Ritchie; half backs, Connor, Northcott and Wilson; forwards, Orke, Allgett, Davidson, Robertson and Hooker.

Steamer Moona will be ready to leave the dry dock for H. M. S. Flores to-night or to-morrow morning, by which time the temporary repairs to the plates forward will have been completed. In the meanwhile a force of men from the Esquimalt Marine railway are busy preparing the coffee dam to be adjusted to the ship's stern in order to carry out the undertaking on the steamer.

The Victoria West amateurs presented "The Vagabond," a drama written by Chas. Townsend, in Semple's hall last night in a most creditable manner. There was a good attendance, and the various parts were admirably portrayed. At the end of the first act a solo was rendered in fine style by J. G. Brown, while other selections, specialties, etc., were given by members of the society during the inter-

missions. The performance will be repeated to-night, and will be followed by a dance.

A musical treat is assured those who attend the recital under the auspices of the Alexandra College of Music at the Metropolitan building to-night, commencing at 8.15 p.m. The principal attraction will be Hjalmar O. Anderson, the well-known mandolin virtuoso, who is considered pre-eminent in his profession on the other side of the line. He will be assisted by Mrs. Mook, Miss Stone and H. Mortimer Lamb.

Among the many attractions at the organ recital at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening will be four of Mr. Burnett's original compositions. The only soprano selection will be given by Miss McCoy. Mrs. Gideon Hicks will contribute an alto solo and Jess Longfield a new Romance Religious on the violin. Herbert Taylor and A. T. Goward will be heard in very pretentious numbers.

A Chinaman, who frequently brings wood to Victoria in an old schooner, was in the city yesterday conferring with a number of wealthy Chinese regarding the opening up of a coal property on Coal Island. He claims to have discovered a seam on a mountain side facing the water which contains the same quality of coal as is found at Nanaimo. In Victoria he says he has found Chinese prepared to develop the mine on a fifty per cent. lay.

The average human body contains 3 lbs. 12 oz. of calcium. Pure calcium is at present worth nearly 60 an ounce.

PLAINTIFF'S CASE ALMOST COMPLETE

FURTHER EVIDENCE GIVEN BY RELATIVES

**Mrs. Joan Dunsماir Owing to Ill Health
Will Give Testimony at
Home.**

The interest at the Hopper vs. Dunsماir trial yesterday afternoon was increased by the fact that Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper had intimated that he would call some of the Dunsماir family as witnesses.

Before this, however, the defence had one witness called, who was anxious to get away to San Francisco.

Harry D. W. Norton, of San Francisco, contractor and builder, had been the carpentry contractor for building the house at San Leandro. He was there from June, 1893, and for nearly a year afterwards. He saw Alexander Dunsماir there nearly daily for some time. Alexander seemed very weak physically, but he appeared a keen, shrewd man, who knew what he wanted. Alexander took a great deal of interest in the building. The stables were built without reference to an architect. This stable cost \$9,000, and witness took his instructions from Mr. Dunsماir. They discussed the question of cost, and Mr. Dunsماir showed he knew what he wanted. Witness had no trouble to understand Dunsماir, and detailed other conversations with him on business subjects. Alexander was very decided when he had made up his mind. His remarks at all times in dealing with witness were those of an intelligent, observing man. On the 8th or 9th of December, 1893, a few days before Alexander Dunsماir went east for the last time, witness had a business transaction with him. He did not find it true that Dunsماir was disconnected or maimed in his talk.

In cross-examination witness said he saw Alexander the worst for liquor about once a week.

He also, in answer to questions by Mr. Duff, said Alexander Dunsماir was somewhat abrupt in his ways, and his business conversations were short.

Mrs. Snowden, daughter of Mrs. Joan Olive Dunsماir, and sister of the late Alexander Dunsماir, stated that in 1893 she went to San Francisco because her brother was in a dangerous condition there from drink. From this off she knew he did not discontinue drinking. In September, 1898, Alexander was at his mother's house in this city. He had become very bent and shaky, and had not improved in his habits. She described one instance in particular. It was very difficult to carry on a conversation with him at that period, whether he was sober or intoxicated. He had become worse and worse from year to year. It was impossible almost to speak with him. She had spoken to her brother James about it, and suggested that it was dangerous having Alexander looking after the business in San Francisco.

Cross-examined by Mr. Davis, witness repeated her statements regarding Alexander's condition.

In answer to a question, witness said she and James Dunsماir were on speaking terms.

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Mr. Chapman wanted the witness to state why she and James Dunsماir did not speak, but as the court thought it perhaps needless to go into this subject, Sir Hibbert did not press for an answer.

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THE QUEEN HAD NARROW ESCAPE

ALARMING OUTBREAK OF FIRE AT SANDRINGHAM

Floor of Her Majesty's Bedroom Collapsed Shortly After She Left the Apartment.

London, Dec. 10.—A fire occurred at Sandringham, and Queen Alexandra and her secretary, Miss Knollys, had a narrow escape.

It broke out at 5 o'clock this morning in Miss Knollys' bedroom in the chimney fire, where a beam is supposed to have been smouldering for some days, and spread to the bedroom of the Queen, who was asleep at the time. She was awakened by Miss Knollys, who raised an alarm, but the fire obtained a good hold of both rooms and considerable damage was done before it was extinguished. The outbreak caused a great deal of excitement at Sandringham, where a number of guests are staying at present.

The residence customary at Sandringham was observed in connection with the fire. From later information, however, it appears that Queen Alexandra had a narrower escape than the first account of the fire indicate. Miss Knollys was fortunately awakened by the smoke in her bedroom, which is immediately below the chamber of Her Majesty. Miss Knollys rushed upstairs to the Queen, who was clad only in a dressing gown, and escaped from the burning room not a moment too soon, as the floor of the Queen's apartment collapsed almost immediately, carrying with it Her Majesty's bed.

The alarm raised by Miss Knollys soon brought the household fire-brigade, which began the work of extinguishing the fire. Sir Dighton MacNaughton Probyn, keeper of the privy purse and extra equerry to the King, also arrived and took charge of the operations. Queen Alexandra, who displayed the utmost composure, remained with Miss Knollys near the scene, until she was assured that there was no further danger of the fire spreading.

An examination of the apartments showed that more damage was done by water than by fire. A large number of the Queen's knick-knacks and some of her charming furniture was spoiled. The fire was confined to the two bedrooms.

It is not stated that the trouble originated in imperfect electric light wires, which set fire to a beam between the ceiling of Miss Knollys' bedroom and the floor of Her Majesty's apartments.

King Edward was immediately notified of the occurrence, and later in the day a special messenger was sent to Suffolk with reassuring news from Queen Alexandra.

MURDERER GAINS LIBERTY.

Locked Guards in Cell and Made His Escape—Burglar Set Fire to Store.

Montreal, Dec. 10.—Burglars broke into the fish and game store of Henry Gatehouse last night, and after wrecking the cash register and finding only a few cents, set fire to the building. A big storm was raging at the time and delayed the arrival of the fire brigade, and before the blaze had been extinguished considerable damage had been done. Loss, \$7,000.

Change of Officials.

W. L. Wanley today resigned the vice-presidency and general management of the street railway company to accept the vice-presidency of the Dominion Coal Company with a managerial position. He was succeeded as vice-president of the street railway company by K. W. Brachwell, while W. G. Ross becomes the managing director. Duncan McDonald is manager and Patrick Dube, secretary.

Bank Clearings.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—The Winnipeg bank clearings for the week ending 10th December, 1903, were \$8,019,561; same week last year, \$5,038,863; same week 1901, \$4,820,380.

Daring Escape.

A Calgary dispatch says Ernest Cashell, the murderer of Rufus Bell, made a most



THE HUNT.

REGULAR MEET.

The regular meet of the Victoria Hunt Club will be held to-morrow at the Royal Oaks.

HOCKEY.

VICTORIA V. HIGH SCHOOL.

To-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock the Victoria second eleven will meet the High school at Oak Bay. The Victoria team will be picked from the following: Dalby, G. Wensley, Carne, Gowen, W. Winslow, W. Berridge, Mullens, Swinton, Little, Hayward, H. Machin and A. Fletcher.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

VICTORIA V. NANAIMO.

At the Caledonia grounds to-morrow afternoon a league match will be played between the Victoria and Nanaimo teams. Play will commence at 3 o'clock promptly.

The teams follow:

Victoria—K. Gillespie, full back; McLeod, Schofield, H. Gillespie and Paton, three-quarters; Millman and A. Gillespie, half backs; Macleay, Cornwall, Grundy, Austin, Cullin, Kennedy, Maclean and Mississauga, forwards.

Nanaimo—D. Ferguson, full back; W. Marshall, W. Grahame, A. Stewart and Ed. Marshall, three-quarters; E. Snowdon and R. Simpson, half backs; O. Randall, H. Wilkinson, J. Killeen, C. Killeen, A. Wearing, O. Dobeson, H. Snowdon and H. May, forwards; reserve, C. Bamford.

INTERMEDIATE PRACTICE.

An intermediate practice will be held to-morrow afternoon, commencing at about 1.45 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Y. M. C. A. V. MOANA.

A match will be played to-morrow at Beacon Hill between the Y. M. C. A. team and an eleven selected from the crew of the R. M. S. Moana. The game will take place on the lower grounds, and will commence about 3 o'clock.

FINAL JUNIOR MATCH.

Toronto, Dec. 10.—The executive of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to-day considered the possibility of using Welsh coal for manufacturing purposes. Welsh colliery owners intend sending out samples of 200 pounds for the purpose of enabling manufacturers to experiment. The C. P. R. will carry these free.

MINING INSTITUTE.

The executive committee of the Canadian Mining Institute held a meeting here last night and decided to fix the meeting-place of the annual gathering to be held in the first week of March for Toronto. The usual meeting place is Montreal.

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Take Laetitive Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Miss Henderson, of New Westminster, died while preparing to go out for walk.

WE GUARANTEE

The Victoria and Garrison teams will try conclusions at Beacon Hill to-morrow afternoon. If the local eleven wins the game they will have a good lead-in the fight for the championship, and should the soldiers prove victorious they will have won the league. The kick off takes place at 2.45 sharp. The teams follow:

Garrison—Goal, Harvey; full backs, Rivers and Mitchell; half backs, Ward, Fairless (capt.) and Price; forwards, Wilks, Thompson, Johnson, Taylor and Clinch.

Victoria—Goal, F. Jones; backs, H. A. Goward (capt.) and S. Lorimer; half backs, W. York, N. Gowen and Thompson; forwards, L. York, H. Pettigrew, J. Lestner and D. E. Menzies.

F. Richardson will act as referee.

The league standing follows:

Played. Won. Dru. Lost. Pts.

Garrison 5 3 2 0 8

Victoria 3 2 0 1 4

Columbias 3 0 2 1 2

Y. M. C. A. 3 0 0 3 0

BASKETBALL.

THE PROVINCIAL SCHEDULE.

At a meeting of delegates from Vancouver and Victoria some days ago it was decided to form a provincial basketball league. Entries were received from the J. B. A. A. and F. Y. M. A. A. of Victoria, and the Vancouver Basketball Club and 6th Regiment teams, of Vancouver.

A cup is being put up by a Vancouver jeweler to be sent by the club winning most points in the series. A win will count two points and a draw one point.

The J. B. A. A. and F. Y. M. A. A. will play in Victoria, the games these teams contest in the city league being counted in the provincial schedule. The first of these games is that taking place to-morrow evening at the drill hall. This match will therefore count to the winners as a win in both city and inter-city leagues, which will of course make it the more exciting, as there will be a double result awaiting the winners.

The provincial schedule follows:

Dec. 12th—F. Y. M. A. vs. J. B. A. A. in Victoria.

Dec. 18th—6th Regiment, Vancouver, vs. F. Y. M. A. in Victoria.

Jan. 9th—J. B. A. A. vs. V. B. B. C. in Vancouver.

Jan. 23rd—F. Y. M. A. vs. 6th Regiment, Vancouver, in Vancouver.

Jan. 30th—V. B. B. C. vs. J. B. A. A. in Victoria.

Feb. 6th—J. B. A. A. vs. F. Y. M. A. in Victoria.

Feb. 13th—F. Y. M. A. vs. V. B. B. C. in Vancouver.

Feb. 20th—6th Regiment, Vancouver, vs. J. B. A. A. in Victoria.

March 5th—V. B. B. C. vs. F. Y. M. A. in Victoria.

March 12th—J. B. A. A. vs. 6th Regiment, Vancouver, in Vancouver.

The games between the 6th Regiment and the Vancouver Basketball Club will take place at the Terminal City.

J. B. A. A. v. F. Y. M. A.

To-morrow evening a match will take place at the drill hall between the J. B. A. A. and F. Y. M. A. senior teams, commencing at about 8.30 o'clock. The respective teams follow:

J. B. A. A.—Guards, Pettingell (capt.) and Flanagan; centre, K. Hughes; forwards, Reiley and R. Peden.

F. Y. M. A.—Guards, Shotbolt and Jones; centre, W. Peden; forwards, Dalby and Gallop.

VICTORIA WEST, WON.

The most closely contested match played in Victoria this season took place last evening at the V. W. A. A. hall between the James Bay and Victoria West, the latter team winning by 11 points to 9.

Play commenced at about 8 o'clock, and

it was soon evident that the teams were most evenly balanced. Checking was very close, and at times became rough. As a result the Bay boys were awarded a foul soon after play started, which was converted by T. Peden. The game continued for some minutes without any evident advantage to either side. Finally, however, the Bay boys were successful in scoring from the field. From this time until the finish of the first half they outplayed their opponents, scoring 7 points to 3.

In the second half, up to within three minutes of time, the James Bay boys held their lead, but that was all. Both aggregations scored once during that time. During the last three minutes, however, the Victoria West forwards outplayed their checks and scored twice from the field. As the score was even, play continued for 8 minutes longer, and the result was that the V. W. A. A. team won by two points as already stated.

Charles Fairall acted as referee.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Fifteen injured and one dead is the result of the wrecking of a cast-iron Panhandle diver, at New Cumberland Junction, Ohio. The wreck was caused by a defective switch.

A jury at Cadillac, Mich., found Mrs. Mary McKnight guilty of the murder of her brother, John Murphy, by poisoning. Mrs. McKnight was sentenced to 10 years.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 11—5 a. m.—The weather has become unsettled on the North Pacific Coast, and rains have extended southward to Oregon, while over the eastern portion of these states several inches of snow have fallen. A moderate cold wave which has appeared over Alberta is spreading eastward towards Manitoba.

Forecasts.

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Saturday, Victoria and vicinity—Easterly to southwardly winds, unsettled, with occasional rains. Lower Mainland—Continued unsettled, with rain or sleet.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.05; temperature, 40; minimum, 39; wind, calm; rain, 11; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, calm; rain, 10; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, 32; minimum, 30; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, 22; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.16; temperature, 4; minimum, 4; wind, 12 miles N.; snow, .02; weather, clear.

PASSENGERS.

For steamer Chamer from Vancouver—Mr Rogers, W. D. Keywood, Mr Robertson and wife, W. R. Wilson, A. Appel, J. A. Pame, Wm. Belz, Mrs. McElroy, J. L. Reeves, W. W. Brown, D. L. Reader, Christie, A. Sparrow, D. H. Lange, F. Staud, W. Henderson, F. H. Worlock, Major Dupont, J. J. Bosco, E. R. Kerr, E. Schaeffer, Mrs. Cottell, Prof. Don Jouty, J. W. Spring, J. S. Williams, Mrs. Vandy and children, Mrs. Boone, Mr. Hayward and wife, H. Welsh.

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MILITARY MATTERS.

Events of the Present Week in Reg-
imental Circles.

Members of the Fifth Regiment are requested to take note of the following programme for the week, which will be published from day to day with the elimination of the various events as they occur:

Friday.

Target practice with gallery ammunition.
Saturday.

Band concert.

The Italian ship Gavour, lumber laden for East London, South Africa, which went ashore at Peacock Spit, is now a total loss. The cargo has drifted off to sea and only the ribs of the ship are now to be seen.

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Victoria, Dec. 10th.

In the legislature this afternoon it became doubtful who undertook the greatest responsibility for the legislation, the Premier or J. H. Hawthornthwaite. It was a virtual love feast between the members of the government and the Socialists. It became a mutual admiration society at stages. At one time what was doubtless intended to be a very effective dialogue between the Premier and the member for Nanaimo failed very flat, owing to the stilted style in which it was carried through. Members on both sides of the House could not repress their smiles as the Socialist member, without any introduction as an excuse for it, rose and asked if railway companies had protested against the railway assessment. The Premier, with his message from Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, followed. The performance lacked spirit owing to the lack of art exercised by the participants.

To W. W. McInnes fell the duty again of administering a severe rebuke to the member for Nanaimo for the falsehoods heaped by him upon the government.

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A DUTY PERFORMED.

The government is urged by its journalistic supporters to stand to its position and refuse to modify its taxation proposals. But it has given way and made modifications in the Assessment Bill. Possessing the changes have been made in a manner which will give the smallest modicum of satisfaction. The railways are to be given a measure of relief and the taxes upon the output of timber are to be made lighter. The agriculturist will have to struggle along under increased burdens and comfort himself with the reflection, on the suggestion of a minister of wide experience in the industry, but probably more deeply learned in the law, that he has hitherto contributed less than his share towards the treasury of the province.

And what of the merchant? According to a statement prepared by the Victoria Board of Trade, his taxes will go up literally by "leaps and bounds" under the new Assessment Bill. A number of supposition cases have been prepared for the purpose of illustrating the workings of the measure if it becomes law in its present form. We suppose a great deal depends upon the manner in which the law is administered, but as the condition of the province is held to be desperate, and as the financiers who hold the purse strings also appear to have impressed the government with the extreme gravity of the situation, we suppose every cent possible will be exacted. We doubt not that the figures prepared by the Board of Trade have been submitted to the keenest scrutiny by experts, and that they truly represent the conditions which will follow the passing into law of the Assessment Bill. We have not space to give the matter in full. Those interested should examine the data for themselves. If it be a fact that the increase will range between 100 and 500 per cent, it will be readily perceived that the effect upon the business of the province is likely to be very serious indeed. If the burdens are made too heavy for the people to carry, if the merchants are obliged to impose such prices as will recompense them for the extraordinary exactions of the government, the effect will simply be, as we pointed out last night, to increase the volume of such purchase as can be made outside the province. That is not the way to build up British Columbia. The evil will be two-fold. People will be warned against coming to a country in which the taxation is beyond the power of the people to pay, and there will be an exodus of the unemployed. That is likely to be the effect if the proposed law is enforced as laws upon the statute books should be.

The opposition has done its full duty in the matter. The consequences of the passage of such a law have been pointed out. As many amendments as the Socialists who keep the government in power would consent to have been secured. There is nothing further to do but await events and the arousing of the electors to such a condition of mind as will ensure the execution of justice upon those who are responsible upon the party which calls itself Conservative, and loves power with an ardor beyond understanding, and upon ministers who would rather ally themselves with the Prince of Darkness himself and draw their salaries and travelling expenses than confess that they are unable to govern in accordance with the conditions which make for stability and progress, and give way to men who could secure the necessary majority in the legislature.

RECIPROCITY.

John Charlton, M. P., has made a good many speeches in the hope of convincing Americans that reciprocity with Canada would be a desirable thing for all concerned. No doubt it would—fair measure of reciprocity. But the question has ceased to interest Canadians, who have been convinced by experience that a fair measure cannot be secured. The

moment our cousins are in a mood to reciprocate with Canada they will give evidence of their change of mind and attitude by throwing a few bricks off the existing tariff wall. That would be regarded in this country as an indication of a disposition to treat with us upon broad lines. When the height of the fence is reduced we shall probably be inclined to hand over to the voice of the supplier, provided we have not made other arrangements which the suggestions of our cousins would jeopardize. The movement in the direction of Imperial unity has commenced. It will not cease until something is done. The colonies are one by one following the example of Canada. The new federation of Australia still stands aloof, but after the pending general election something will assuredly be done there, and if the thing done be the thing expected, we shall have to wait until Great Britain makes up her somewhat inflexible mind. Then there will be a truly magnificent Imperial procession, with Canada at its head. All these things will surely come to pass within the lifetime of men who are nearing the allotted span. But there is no reason why Mr. Charlton should not devote the interval between sessions to the cultivation of his favorite fad. He can secure audiences on the other side now who will listen to him with patience.

The leaders of the reactionary parties in the Legislature are making themselves ridiculous by their childish plays. They hope to deceive the public into the belief that there is no understanding between them—that the members of the Conservative party have not bargained for power at the expense of the welfare of the province and that the Socialist leader has not sold himself to the Premier. There are indications already of what the price is to be. The information upon the point will be fuller later on.

The Colonist is to-day celebrating its forty-fifth birthday. For an old 'un our contemporary is remarkably Hale and hearty. It has not entered upon the sere and yellow stage of existence in company with the political party it so strongly supports, for which blessing both the country and the newspaper are to be congratulated. May the contrast in conditions long continue, and prosperity shower her richest blessings on the country and the paper.

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Go to Senate saloon for oyster cocktails.

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There was a good attendance at the regular monthly meeting of the Licensed Vinters' Association, which was held yesterday in Pioneer hall.

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foot to hold a reception in honor of

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timer, who has recently been elected to

the legislature. The date has not yet

been fixed.

—Geo. Snider has the contract for

erecting a store for Terry & Marrett,

next to their drug store on Fort street.

The front portion will be occupied by W.

A. Marrett, and the rear part by Terry & Marrett as a warehouse.

—Owing to the dense fog which has

prevailed on the Sound, the steamer

Senator will be over a day late in sail-

ing for San Francisco this week. She

will leave Seattle at 6 o'clock this even-

ing and will sail from Victoria at mid-

night.

—Less than eighty householders and

license holders had taken the regis-

stration declaration at the assessor's of-

fice, city hall, up to noon to-day. There is

every indication that the bulk of those

of whom this will be required will wait

until the last possible moment before

dislocating a custom which seems to

be so firmly established.

—The third of the series of Advent

organ recitals will be given in St. John's

church on Sunday after evening service.

The organist will be assisted by the fol-

lowing ladies and gentlemen: Misses

E. and D. Selt, Miss McKenzie, Mr.

Gibson, J. G. Brown and Jessie Long-

field, who will play a viola solo and

take part in an organ duet, the first

that has ever been played at these

recitals.

—The High school entrance examination

will be opened on Monday morning

next at 9:30 o'clock in the assembly

room of the High school building. The

city superintendent, F. H. Eaton, M. A.

will be in charge. There will be about

seventy-five candidates from the city

schools, but it is impossible to give out

the number who will represent the rural

districts at present. Four subjects will

be taken up on Monday as follows: Brit-

ish history, 9:30 to 10:30 a. m.; Algebra,

10:45 to 12 noon; Canadian history, 1

to 2:15 p. m.; and reading, 2:15 to 3:15

p. m. The schools will close for the

Christmas holidays on Friday next.

—A Chinaman named Yen Sing was

the only occupant of the prisoners' dock

in the police court this morning. He

was charged with stealing a sack of

coal from the E. & N. Co.'s wharf. He

was seen carrying his burden in the

direction of Flagstaff street by Sergeant

Walker as he was making his rounds on

Store street shortly after midnight, and

the officer gave chase. He soon over-

hauled the Chinaman, who was unable

to satisfactorily account for the coal, so

he was taken in charge. Investigating

further Sergeant Walker found another

sack of coal in the rear of the Cold

Storage building, the sack being similar

to a number which were lying on the

wharf. When the charge was read to

him the accused pleaded guilty, and was

sentenced to two months' imprisonment

with hard labor.

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Go to Senate saloon for oyster cocktails.

—Gift things of the choicest, most expensive sort, at Weiler Bros.

—Have you seen Weiler Bros.' little Christmas folder, it is full of suggestions for that gift. Get one.

—Commodore Goodrich, the officer newly appointed to the command of the Pacific squadron, is expected here from England to-morrow.

—GOOD EVENING!

Have some Black and White and soda—the popular drink in London to-day.

As supplied the Imperial House of Com-

mons.

—In the Supreme court before the Chief Justice, the case of Johnson vs. Oliver was yesterday decided in favor of defendant. To-day Ekins vs. B. C. Electric Railway Company is being tried.

—If you are not going "home" this Xmas send a portrait, one of the "just-like-you-at-your-best" kind, taken at the Skene Lowe studio. Sit now; no time to lose.

—A special showing of Liberty novelties, including cushion tops, tea cosies, table cloths, art cambrie curtains, etc., all of which are acceptable as Xmas gifts. Weiler Bros.

—Capt. Rufus Calhoun has passed away at San Francisco. The captain was 70 years of age and was well and favorably known on this coast, having sailed up and down Northern Pacific water for over a score of years.

—Every dollar purchase entitles you to one guess how many yards of Ribbon for the Solid Gold Watch, to be given by Santa Claus, on January 1st, 1904. Ribbon displayed in our north window. The S. Reid Co., Limited.

—The announcement of Wm. McKay's candidature for school trustee appears in the advertisement columns of this paper. Mr. McKay has called a meeting of his supporters for next Tuesday evening in Labor hall, when arrangements for the campaign will be discussed.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Continued from page 3)

W. Davidson favored the bill. He was opposed to attacks being made on the character of any one instead of debating the merits of the bill.

T. W. Paterson said that this bill was aimed admittedly at a single corporation. It was well known that the Fernie Coal Company was, according to the contract with the Dominion government, to sell the coal at a certain price at the pit head. He did not know how this would affect the company with respect to this contract. It might be as reasonable to demand of the Island collieries to sell their coal at a certain price. Unless it could be shown that it was the intention to do something in the way of ascertaining if relief was to be given to the Fernie company with regard to this contract, he would oppose the bill. He was opposed to class legislation of any kind. Unfair taxation and class legislation had been responsible in no small way for the bad times which prevailed in the country during the past four years.

F. Carter-Cotton was pleased to see the advance made upon the question of shorter hours of labor. The eight-hour law was passed by a government of which he was a member. It was not done for the purpose of drawing support, because the government of the day had been promised sufficient support to sustain it from the other side of the House if the bill was withdrawn. He heartily supported the measure.

The bill passed its second reading.

Pharmacy Act Amendment. The House then went into committee on the bill to amend the Pharmacy Act, with R. L. Denry in the chair. The committee rose, and the bill was reported.

Railway Assessment Bill.

On reporting the amendment to the act to assess railway companies, Hon. Mr. Fulton proposed the following amendment:

To strike out section 5 and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

"The land occupied and claimed as the right-of-way for railway by any railway company, and situate without the limits of municipal corporations incorporated

before the 21st day of February, 1895, and other lands occupied by the company for station or engine houses, or freight sheds, or other buildings connected with the actual operation of the railway, and situate without the limits of municipal corporations incorporated before the 21st day of February, 1895, together with the personal property and income of the company, including the rolling stock, shall be assessed and taxed as a whole as real estate, and at the sum of ten thousand dollars per mile of track of the company situate without the limits of any municipality incorporated before the 21st day of February, 1895. The measurement of track shall not include switches, spurs or sidings, but all switches, spurs or sidings of any railway company situate without the limits of any municipality incorporated before the 21st day of February, 1895, shall be assessed and taxed as real estate, and at the sum of three thousand dollars per mile."

In support of this, he admitted that when the objection was raised in committee by the opposition he had been under some misunderstanding as to the working of the present act. He proposed to leave the assessment of sidings at \$3,000 a mile as at present, as he did not think it fair to assess sidings at the same rate as the main lines.

The amendment carried.

The following amendment of Hon. Mr. Fulton also carried:

To strike out sections 6 and 7 and substitute in lieu thereof the following:

"The lands mentioned in sub-section (3) of section 3 hereof situate without the limits of any municipal corporation shall be assessed and taxed as real estate or wild lands, in accordance with the provisions of the 'Assessment Act.'

John Oliver described the bill as another example of freak legislation by this government. In the Assessment Bill they had an example of the government discriminating in favor of the banks against others; in this bill they had the government discriminating in favor of the Manufacturers' Association as against the other timber men. He objected to the rights obtained by the licensees being subject to the discretion of the Chief Commissioner, and thus not open to renewal. There was a vast outlay necessary in providing the means of getting the timber to the water. There was no reason why the licensee should not be guaranteed his limit by paying his rental each year. Under the bill a man's property might be confiscated. The finances had not reached a stage where this was necessary. Under the present government the time might

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Mr. Davidson moved the adjournment of the debate.

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Notwithstanding the difficulty in operating a steamer among the islands of the Gulf during the early part of this week, the Iroquois has maintained a regular service, never missing a trip.

The Northern Pacific Steamship Company has just issued a new schedule governing the movements of its China, Japan, Manila and its round-the-world fleet, between the period from December 28th to June 30th.

The regular weekly meeting of Far West Lodge, No. 1, K. of P., will be held this evening, when business of importance will be transacted. Later in the evening a whisky party will be held, to which all members are invited.

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Have some Black and White and soda—the popular drink in London to-day. As supplied the Imperial House of Commons.

The reeves met the municipal committee of the House to-day and presented before them their proposed amendments to the different acts. These include a number of changes to the Municipal Clauses Act, the Election Act and the Dyking Act. The committee will consider them in connection with other changes which may be asked to the acts.

All the material that will be used in the construction of the superstructure of the Point Ellice bridge has arrived. Five carloads reached the city yesterday via the E. & N. railway, and seven to-day. It is being transferred to the scene of operations to-day, and work will be commenced almost immediately. Thirty men will be employed, and with this force one span will be completed each week.

All the properties and costumes of Nance O'Neill, the San Francisco actress, and McKee Rankin were attached on Wednesday by Wm. Cleveland, manager of the Cleveland Theatre, Chicago, where for the last month Miss O'Neill and Rankin have been filling an engagement. Affidavit was made by Cleveland that the actress and Rankin were, in his belief, about to dispose of their property, leave the state and defraud him of his several hundred dollars advance expenses.

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And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the persons entitled to have reward, to the claimants of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whom any claim may be made, unless the same were received by them at the time of such distribution.

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